

Application No. 10/017,403
Amendment dated December 23, 2003
Reply to Office Action of July 23, 2003



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/017,403
Applicant: Frederick W. Giacobbe, et al.
Filed: December 14, 2001
Title: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR ESTIMATING
MOISTURE ABSORPTION BY HYGROSCOPIC
MATERIALS
TC/A.U.: 2863
Examiner: Tung S. Lau
Docket Number: Serie 5560

**PETITION AND FEE FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))**

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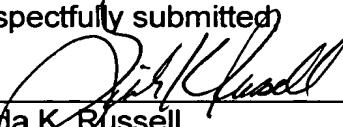
Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request a 2 month-extension of time until December 23, 2003 in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated July 23, 2003 for the above-identified application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-1375 the fee of \$ 420.00 for obtaining this extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-1375. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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